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Invention: **COMPOSITION FOR PROVIDING LONG-TERM STABILITY TO CELLS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of August 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 5, 9 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (2x Amended) A composition for stabilizing the structure and nucleic acids of at least one cell, said composition being comprised of:

(a) a first substance capable of precipitating or denaturing proteins, comprising at least one alcohol or ketone whose concentration is less than 80% of the total composition; and

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